

## **2005 Project Abstract**

For the Period Ending June 30, 2011

**PROJECT TITLE:** Trail Grants Program

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**FUNDING SOURCE:** Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**LEGAL CITATION:** M.L. 2005, Art. 2, Ch. 1, Sec. 11, Subd. 6I

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:** \$700,000

### **Overall Project Outcome and Results**

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- Regional Trail Grant Program - provides grants of up to \$250,000 to cities, counties, and townships for development of regionally significant trails funded with local or federal funding. Primary determinants of significance include length, expected use and resource quality and/or attractiveness. The 1999 LCMR appropriation language specifies that the funds be used for project outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

Project proposals for all of these programs are evaluated and ranked on a competitive basis, with grants being awarded to the highest-ranking projects.

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Date of Report: March 19, 2012

Date of Next Status Report: June 30, 2011

Date of Work Program Approval: June 25, 2003

Estimated Project Completion Date: June 30, 2011

## LCCMR Work Program 2005

### I. PROJECT TITLE: Trail Grants Program (consolidated work program) (See Budget Status and Appropriation Language sections for citations)

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<b>Budget Status: (thousands)</b>	<b><u>Total Approp.</u></b>	<b><u>Local Trail Connections</u></b>	<b><u>Regional Trails</u></b>
M.L. 2001, Ch. 2, Sec. 14			
Subd. 5 (2001 MFRF)	1,000.0	547.0	453.0
Balance:	97.1*	66.6	0
 M.L. 2001, Ch. 2, Sec. 14			
Subd. 18f (2001 MFRF)	250.0	0.0	250.0**
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0
 M.L. 2001, Ch. 2, Sec. 14			
Subd. 18(o) (2001 MFRF)	160.0	160.0	0.0***
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0
 M.L. 2003, Art. 1, Ch. 128, Sec. 9			
Subd. 6e (2003 ETF)	320.0	320.0	0.0
Balance:	57.1****	57.1	0.0
 M.L. 2005, Art. 2, Ch. 1, Sec. 11			
Subd. 6l (2005 ETF)	700.0	299.0	401.0
Balance:	0.0	0.0	0.0
 <b>Totals: Appropriated:</b>	<b>2,430.0</b>	<b>1,326.0</b>	<b>1,104.0</b>

\* \$66,651.29 is from balances of closed Local Trail Connections projects (Attachment A) was not spent; \$30,487.30 was not spent

\*\* \$250,000 was reallocated from Pelican Rapids to Ottertail County for the Central Lakes Trail.

\*\*\* \$160,000 was reallocated from 1999 to 2001 to the DNR to resurface the Milan Trail in 2001.

\*\*\*\* \$57,083.84 is from balances of closed Local Trail Connections projects was not spent

### **Statutory Language, Section 85.019:**

Subd. 4b Regional Trails. The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government for acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for trails outside the metropolitan area deemed to be of regional significance according to criteria published by the commissioner. Recipients must provide a nonstate cash match of at least one-half of total eligible project costs. If land used for the trails is not in full public ownership, then the recipients must prove it is dedicated to the purposes of the grants for at least 20 years. The commissioner shall make payment to a unit of government upon receiving documentation of reimbursable expenditures. A unit of government may enter into a lease or management agreement for the trail, subject to section 16A.695.

Subd. 4c Local Trail Connections. The commissioner shall administer a program to provide grants to units of government for up to 50 percent of the costs of acquisition and betterment of public land and improvements needed for trails that connect communities, trails, and parks and thereby increase the effective length of trail experiences. If land used for the trails is not in full public ownership, then the recipients must prove it is dedicated to the purposes of the grants for at least 20 years.

### **A. Appropriation Language:**

#### **1999 MFRF: M.L. 1999 Chap. 231, Section 16, Subd. 4a Local Initiative Grants Program \$5,117,000**

This appropriation is to the commissioner of natural resources to provide matching grants, as follows:

(1) \$1,953,000 is from the future resources fund to local units of government for local park and recreation areas of up to \$250,000 not withstanding Minnesota Statutes 85.019. \$50,000 is to complete the Larue Pit Recreation Development. \$28,000 is to the city of Hitterdal for park construction at Lake Flora. \$460,000 is available on the day following final enactment.

(2) \$435,000 the first year and \$435,000 the second year are from the trust fund to local units of government for natural and scenic areas pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019.

(3) \$1,484,000 is from the future resources fund for trail grants to local units of government on land to be maintained for at least 20 years for the purposes of the grant. \$500,000 is for grants of up to \$50,000 per project for trail linkages between communities, trails, and parks, and \$720,000 is for grants of up to \$250,000 for locally funded trails of regional significance outside the metropolitan area. \$50,000 is to the upper Minnesota River Valley regional development commission for the preliminary design and engineering of a single segment of the Minnesota River trail from Appleton to the Milan Beach on Lake Lac Qui Parle. \$160,000 is to the Department of Natural Resources to resurface four miles of recreational trail from the town of Milan to Lake Lac Qui Parle in Chippewa County.

(4) \$305,000 the first year and \$305,000 the second year are from the trust fund for a statewide conservation partners program, to encourage private organizations and local governments to cost share improvement of fish, wildlife, and native plant habitats and research and surveys of fish and wildlife. Conservation partners grants may be up to \$20,000 each. \$10,000 of this appropriation is for an agreement with the Canby Sportsman's Club for shelterbelts for habitat and erosion control.

(5) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year are from the trust fund for environmental partnerships program grants of up to \$20,000 each for environmental service projects and related education activities through public and private partnerships.

In addition to the required work program, grants may not be approved until grant proposals to be funded have been submitted to the legislative commission on Minnesota resources and the commission has approved the grants or allowed 60 days to pass. The commission shall monitor the grants for approximate balance over extended periods of time between the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2 and the non-metropolitan area through work program oversight and periodic allocation decisions. For the purpose of this paragraph, the match must be nonstate contributions, but may be either cash or in-kind. Recipients may receive funding for more than one project in any given grant period. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2002 at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program. If a project financed under this program receives a federal grant, the availability of the financing from this subdivision for that project is extended to equal the period of the federal grant.

#### **2000 Bonding: M.L. 2000, Chap. 492, Sec. 7, Subd. 16. Regional Trail Grants**

\$500,000 for matching grants to be provided to local units of government under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, subdivision 4b, as amended in this act, to acquire and develop new, publicly owned trails of regional significance. Of this amount, \$250,000 is to the city of Fairfax to connect the Fair Ridge trail from Fort Ridgely state park to the city of Fairfax; and \$50,000 is to Rock County to connect the Blue Mounds state park to the city of Luverne. The commissioner shall determine project priorities as appropriate based on need.

#### **2000 Bonding M.L. 2000, Chap. 488, Sec. 7. Minnesota Resources**

The availability of the appropriation for the following project is extended to June 30, 2002: Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 15, subdivision 4, paragraph (c), clause (3), local initiatives grants program. \$250,000 is to provide matching funds for an ISTE A grant and to provide acquisition and engineering costs for a proposed trail between the city of Pelican Rapids and Maplewood state park.

**2001 MFRF: M.L. 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5(c) Regional and Local Trail Grants**

\$1,000,000 is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for matching trail grants on a one-to-one basis to local units of government, under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019, for trail linkages between communities, trails, and parks, and for locally funded trails of regional significance outside the metropolitan area, under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.12. If a project financed under this program receives a federal grant, the availability of the financing from this subdivision for that project is extended to equal the period of the federal grant.

**2001 MFRF: M.L. 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 5 Subd. 6 Trails and Waterways Management**

The appropriation from the general fund of \$1,400,000 authorized in Laws 1998, chapter 404, section 7, subdivision 26, for Skunk Hollow Trail in Yellow Medicine and Chippewa counties is reappropriated for the purpose of developing the Minnesota River Trail under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.015, subdivision 22.

**2001 MFRF: M.L. 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 14 Subd. 18(e) Carry Forward**

The availability of the appropriation in Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 15, subdivision 4, paragraph (c), for a proposed trail between the city of Pelican Rapids and Maplewood State Park, which was extended by Laws 2000, chapter 488, article 3, section 7, is canceled.

**2001 MFRF: M.L. 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 14 Subd. 18(f) Carry Forward**

\$250,000 is appropriated from the future resources fund to provide matching funds for an ISTE A grant to the commissioner of natural resources for pass-through to Ottertail County to provide easement acquisition and engineering costs for the Central Lakes Trail between the city of Fergus Falls and the Douglas county border.

**2001 MFRF: M.L. 2001, Chap. 2, Sec. 14 Subd. 18(o) Milan Trail Resurfacing**

\$160,000 is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources to resurface four miles of recreational trail from the town of Milan to Lake Lac Qui Parle in Chippewa County.

**2003 ETF: M.L. 2003, Art. 1, Chap. 128, Sec. 9, Subd. 6(e) Local and Regional Trail Grant Program**

\$160,000 the first year and \$160,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to provide matching grants to local units of government for the cost of acquisition, development, engineering services, and enhancement of existing and new trail facilities. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2006, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program. In addition, if a project financed under this program receives a federal grant, the availability of the financing from this paragraph for that project is extended to equal the period of the federal grant.

**2005 ETF: M.L. 2005, Art. 2, Chap. 1, Sec. 11, Subd 6(l) Local and Regional Trail Grant Program**

\$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to provide matching grants to local units of government for the cost of acquisition, development, engineering services, and enhancement of existing and new trail facilities. Subdivision 16 of this section applies to grants awarded in the approved work program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2008, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program. In addition, if a project financed under this program receives a federal grant award, the availability of the financing from this paragraph for that project is extended to equal the period of the federal grant.

**B. Status of Match Requirement**

Both grant programs require a dollar for dollar “hard cash” match on the part of the local government recipient as a prerequisite to receiving a grant. In addition, these are reimbursement grants that require a documented expenditure of funds prior to reimbursement.

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS:**

The trail grants program includes two separate grant programs. Every year the department solicits grant proposals from local governments for local trail connections, and regional trails outside the metro area. Project applications are usually due in the spring, with project selection completed by the end of May.

Project proposals for all of these programs are evaluated and ranked on a competitive basis, with grants being awarded to the highest-ranking projects. After ranking, the recommendations, the selections are brought back to the LCMR as revisions to the work program for final review and approval. The LCMR approves a priority ranked list presented by the DNR. If one or more approved projects subsequently are dropped from the list, the DNR is authorized by the LCMR to reallocate those funds to the next highest ranked project. If no other ranked project is available, the funds will be added to the balance for the appropriate grant program and may be reallocated subject to LCMR review and approval.

The Legislature has traditionally required a roughly fifty/fifty split in grant program funding for the Local Trail Connections program, with half of the appropriations available for the seven-county metropolitan area and half for outside the metropolitan area. The LCMR has now given the DNR the discretion on how to disperse these funds, so as the best projects can be funded instead of restricting dollars due to geographic location. The DNR does however see the value of retaining a similar split in funding between the metro and out-state areas and will make an effort to continue that trend. Because the Regional Trail Grant Program requires that any funds for that program be allocated to projects outside the seven county metro area, the overall Trail Grants Program would automatically be out of balance if those funds were included under the balance requirement. It is recommended that Regional Trail Grant funds not be considered when trying to maintain the split between the metro and out-state areas.

The department has consolidated much of the application process for these two programs and is working to further improve coordination of application schedules, procedures, etc.

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### **III. WORK PROGRAM UPDATE SUMMARY:**

February 17, 2012 - final report for the LCCMR projects. The Local Trail Connections Grant Program and the Regional Trail Grant Program were utilized to disseminate the funds received from LCCMR per the aforementioned appropriation language.

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The Local Trail Connections Grant Program funded 20 trail projects which include the following and their project descriptions:

Grantee/ Program Year	Project Name	Project Summary	Outcome	Award Amount
City of Brainerd/ 2001	College Drive/Mississippi Pkwy	to develop a new trail East River Road from Boom Lake to Laurel Street	1.10 miles of new trail	\$50,000.00
City of Oakdale/ 2001	Hadley Trail	to complete the development of a trail along Hadley Avenue from 15th Street to Hallmark Avenue	1.20 miles of new trail	\$50,000.00
IRRRB/2001	Highway 53 Underpass for Trail	to replace the on grade crossing of Highway 53	1 culvert underpass	\$50,000.00
City of Warroad/ 2001	Warroad Trail Connection	to develop a trail connecting residential and business areas within the city to the existing Warroad Area Cooperative Trail	.70 miles of new trail	\$50,000.00
City of St. Francis/ 2001	Seelye Brook Trail	to develop a trail from Seelye Brook Park to Pederson Path	.56 miles of new trail	\$21,913.00
City of St. Francis/ 2001	St. Francis Rum River Trails	to improve sections of the Rum River Trail from Dellwood River Park to the school	.50 miles of trail rehab and .75 miles of new trail	\$36,341.00
City of Mountain Lake/2001	Mountain Lake Trail	to complete the development of a trail around a popular recreation area located on Mountain Lake	1.66 miles of new trail and a 500 foot walking bridge	\$43,675.00
City of Duluth/2001	Lincoln Park Trail Connection	to rehabilitate and renovate pedestrian trails, stairways, fencing, and stonework within Lincoln Park	.11 miles of trail rehab and two pedestrian bridge replacements	\$20,000.00
City of Osakis/2001	Central Lake Trail - Osakis Segment	to surface 1.62 miles of the Central Lakes Trail through the City of Osakis	1.62 miles of resurfaced trail	\$39,690.00
City of Hill City/2001	Hill Lake Trail West	to develop an extension of the Hill City Trail to connect to Veterans Memorial Park in Hill City	.80 miles of new trail	\$30,000.00
City of St. Michael/ 2001	School Creek Trail West	to develop the School Creek West Trail	.75 miles of new trail, 1 pedestrian bridge, 20 ft wide trail easement	\$50,000.00
City of Northfield/ 2001	Sibley Swale Park to Sibley Elementary Trail	to develop a trail connecting Sibley Swale School to Sibley Swale Park and existing city trail system	.60 miles of new trail	\$38,900.00

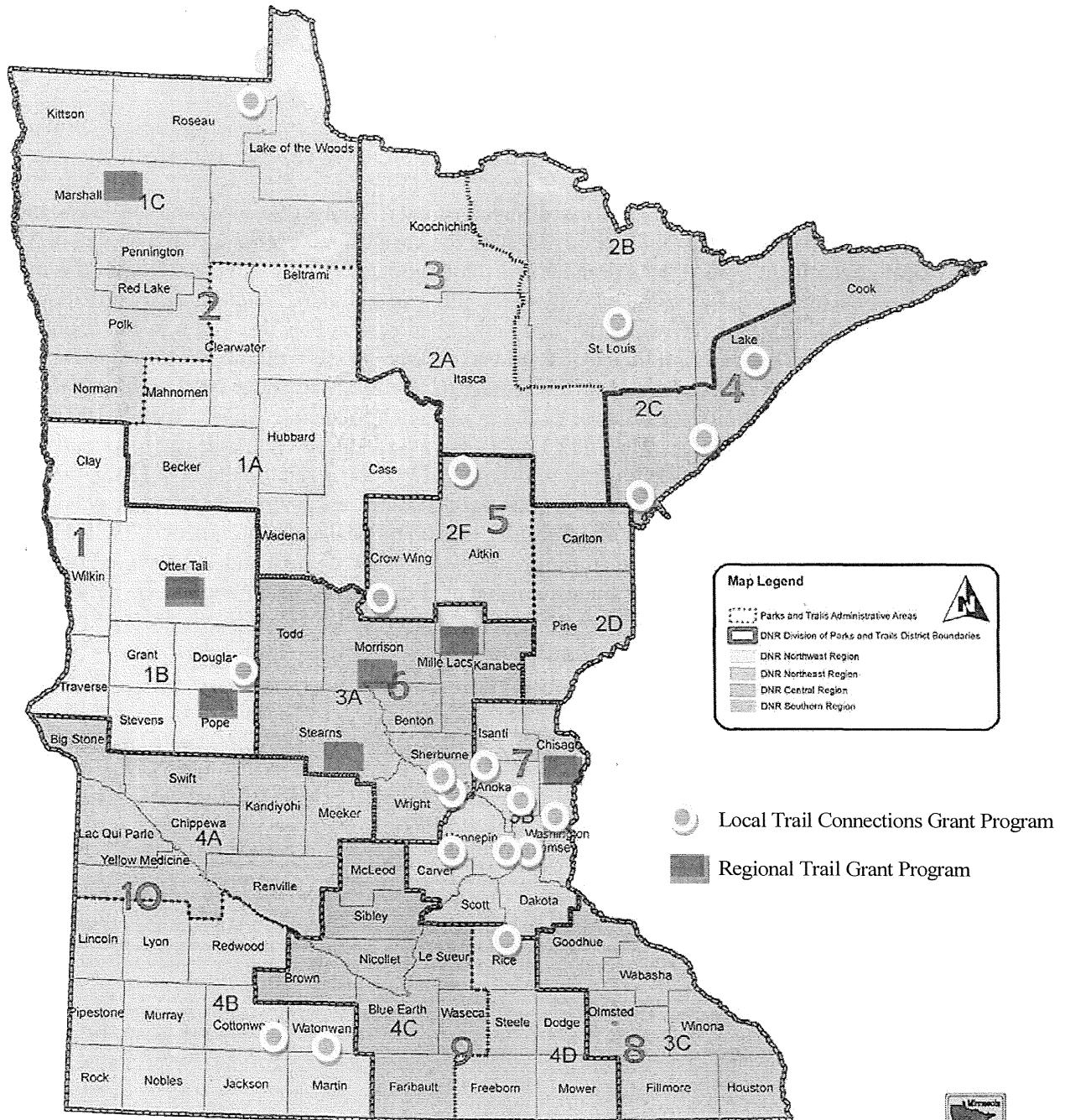
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City of Monticello/ 2003	County Road 18 Pathway	to develop a trail connection between the Wildwood and Rolling Woods developments and the city's trail system along CSAH 18	.85 miles of new trail	\$20,000.00
Anoka County/2003	Coon Creek Corridor Trail Extension	to provide enhancements to existing trails within Bunker Hills Regional Park and provide for a connection to adjacent neighborhood	1.04 miles of trail rehab	\$100,000.00
Lake County/2003	Two Harbors High School Trail	to develop a trail connecting the City of Two Harbors to the new High School	1.33 miles of new trail	\$100,000.00
City of Little Canada/2003	City Wide Trail System	to develop two segments that would begin to complete the overall trail system for the City	1.14 of new trail	\$100,000.00
City of St. James/ 2005	St. James Lake Area Trail	to develop a new multi- use trail around St. James Lake	2.60 miles of new trail	\$48,000.00
City of Minnetonka/ 2005	Minnehaha Creek Headwaters Trail	to complete the development of the northwest quadrant of the city's loop trail system which will extend to the headwaters of Minnehaha Creek	1 pedestrian bridge and 1 boardwalk	\$62,000.00
City of Minneapolis/ 2005	NE Diagonal Trail	to develop the NE Diagonal Trail	4.2 miles of new trail	\$100,000.00
Lake County/2005	Two Harbors Trail System	to construct a non- motorized paved trail to connect the City of Two Harbors and the New Two Harbors High School and connect two currently paved trails the Sonju and the Two Harbors High School Trails within the City	5.21 miles of new trail	\$89,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,099,519.00</b>

The Regional Trail Grant Program funded 9 trail projects which include the following and their project descriptions:

Grantee/ Program Year	Project Name	Project Summary	Outcome	Award Amount
Stearns County/ 2001	Lake Wobegon Regional Trail Phase III	to construct a segment of the lake Wobegon Regional Trail from Avon to St. Joseph	9.3 miles new trail	\$250,000.00
Otter Tail County/ 2001	Central Lakes Trail	to surface the Central Lakes Trail from Fergus Falls to the East Grant County line	19.85 miles of bituminous surfacing of a gravel trail	\$250,000.00
Stearns County/ 2003	Lake Wobegon Trail - Phase IV	to continue development of the Lake Wobegon Trail from Holdingford to the Morrison County line	3.6 miles of new trail	\$113,000.00
Mille Lacs County/ 2003	Soo Line Bridge - TH 169	to construct a bridge spanning Trunk Highway 169 for the Soo Line Trail	1 bridge	\$90,000.00
Morrison County/ 2005	Soo Line Corridor Trail	to develop a segment of the Soo Line Trail from the Stearns County border to the City of Bowlus	3.9 miles of new trail	\$41,000.00
Marshall County/ 2005	Florian Recreational Trail	to construct 2.6 miles of hard surfaced trail in the Marshall County Park at Florian.	2.6 miles of new trail	\$92,000.00
Stearns County/ 2005	Beaver Island Trail Acquisition	to acquire an abandoned railroad grade for the purpose of developing the Beaver Island Trail	.70 miles of railroad bed acquisition	\$12,300.00
Pope County/2005	Glenwood To Villard Bike Trail	to develop a new trail on an abandoned railroad grade from the City of Glenwood to the City of Villard	4.1 miles of new trail	\$80,000.00
Chisago County/ 2005	Swedish Immigrant Trail	to acquire and construct a two mile demonstration project, for the Swedish Immigrant Trail, through the City of Shafer	2 miles of railroad bed acquisition and 2 miles of new trail	\$175,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,103,300.00</b>



# Division of Parks and Trails Counties and Administrative Boundaries



LCCMR Grant Project Location Map



#### **IV. OUTLINE OF PROGRAM RESULTS:**

Project results are detailed in the below attachments.

##### **A. Local Trail Connections Grants:**

- 1) 2001 MFRF: (June 29, 2001 - ,2003) See Attachment A
- 2) 2003 ETF: (July 1, 2003 - ,2006) See Attachment B
- 3) 2005 ETF: (July 1, 2005 - ,2008) See Attachment C

##### **B. Regional Trail Grants:**

- 1) 2001 MFRF: (June 29, 2001 - ,2003) See Attachment D
- 2) 2005 ETF: (July 1, 2005 - ,2008) See Attachment E

#### **V. DISSEMINATION:**

Each year the Local Grants Section of the Office of Management of Budget Services and the Trails and Waterways Division of the DNR distribute information on the various grant programs and application materials to local governments and private organizations throughout the state. A general mailing is made at the beginning of each application period, usually in the fall, and individual requests are handled on a case-by-case basis. (See detail on the evaluation and ranking process in Part II). Grant information is also distributed to and is available from the DNR Regional offices. DNR Trails and Waterways Division staff held a series of six informational meetings throughout the state in December 2002 to discuss the grant application process and provide assistance to potential grant applicants. Approximately 150 people attended these informational meetings. The DNR Local Grants Section also publishes a "Financial Assistance Directory" booklet, available for free, which provides information on the Local Initiative Grant programs, as well as many other sources of financial assistance within the DNR for natural resource projects. A revised and updated version of this directory was completed in the summer of 2001. Finally, a brochure outlining several grant programs administered by the DNR's Trails and Waterways Division and Local Grants Section was updated and made available during the 2002-2003 application period.

## VI. CONTEXT:

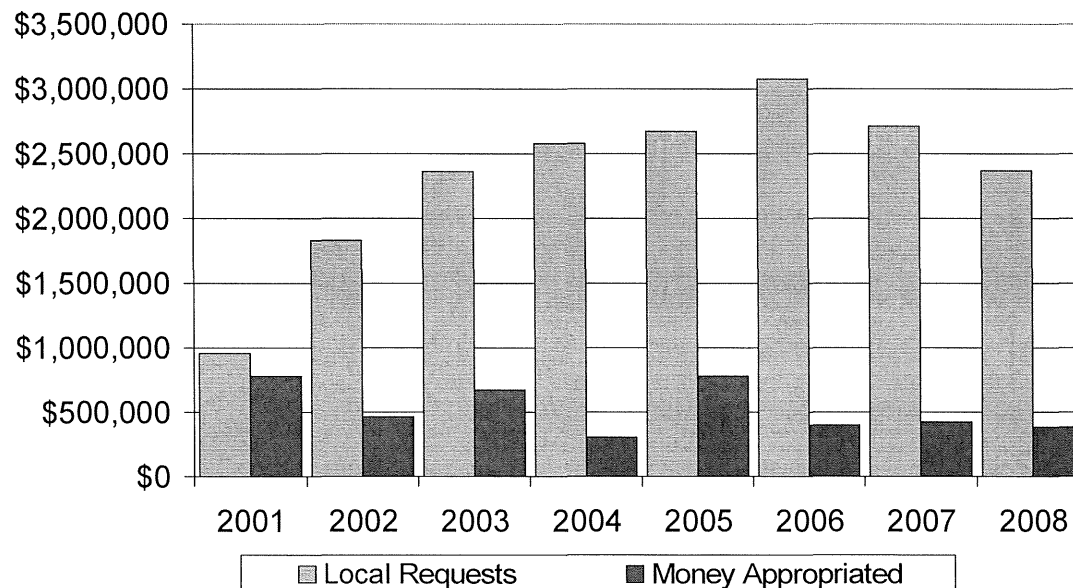
### A. Program Context:

Two grant programs have received prior funding:

#### Local Trail Connections

Year	Funding Source	Money Allocated	Number of Communities	Trail Miles
2001	2001 MFRF	\$ 547,000	13	11.18
2001	2001 In Lieu	\$ 100,000	2	4.00
2002	2002 In Lieu	\$ 466,000	6	5.85
2003	2003 ETF	\$ 320,000	4	4.00
2003	2003 In Lieu	\$ 353,000	7	2.20
2004	2004 In Lieu	\$ 306,000	6	2.01
2005	2005 ETF	\$ 299,000	4	9.56
2005	2005 In Lieu	\$ 480,500	6	2.58
2006	2006 In Lieu	\$ 400,000	5	3.45
2007	2007 In Lieu	\$ 425,000	5	9.54
2008	2008 In Lieu	\$ 385,000	9	8.63
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$4,081,500</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63.00</b>

#### Local Trail Connections Program

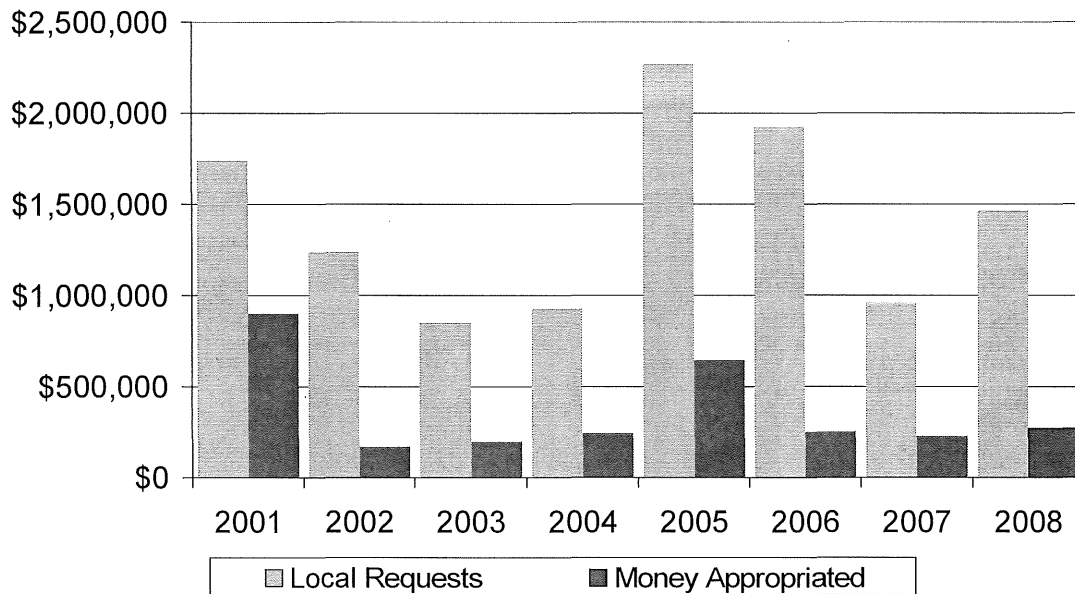


**Figure 1** – This chart shows the disparity between money requested and money available for the Local Trail Connections program since 2001.

## Regional Trail Program

Year	Funding Source	Money Allocated	Number of Communities	Trail Miles
2001	2001 MFRF	\$ 453,000	3	12.90
2001	2001 In Lieu	\$ 584,000	3	24.45
2002	2002 In Lieu	\$ 172,000	2	10.00
2003	2003 ETF	\$ 0	0	0.00
2003	2003 In Lieu	\$ 200,000	1	17.00
2004	2004 In Lieu	\$ 245,000	1	8.00
2005	2005 ETF	\$ 499,000	5	12.60
2005	2005 In Lieu	\$ 149,000	3	10.20
2006	2006 In Lieu	\$ 255,000	2	0.75
2007	2007 In Lieu	\$ 230,000	2	2.20
2008	2008 In Lieu	\$ 270,000	3	6.16
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$3,057,000</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>104.26</b>

## Regional Trail Program



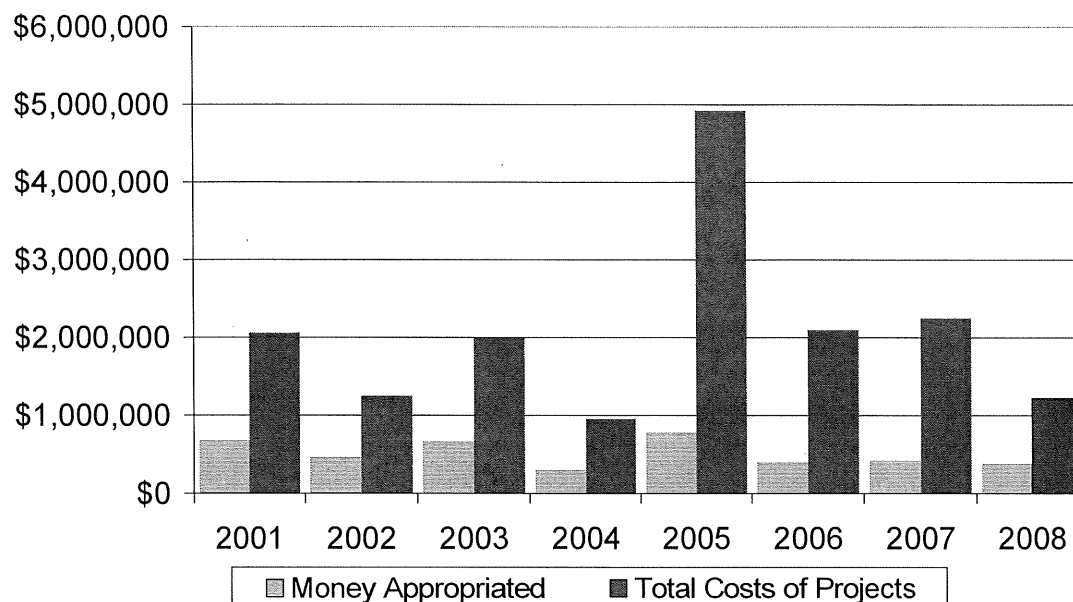
**Figure 2** – This chart shows the disparity between money requested and money available for the Regional Trail program since 2001.

The following illustrates the need for such grant programs based on recent application requests:

### 1) Local Trail Connections Grants:

Eighteen projects worth about \$2.1 million were funded in 2001. In 2002, \$466,000 was available for applicants, of which six projects were funded with total project costs exceeding \$1.2 million. There was \$673,000 available in 2003, which funded 11 projects worth \$2 million. A total of six projects received \$306,000 with total costs of just under \$957,000. For 2005, 10 projects were awarded \$779,500 with costs of \$4,923,872. In 2006, 5 projects were awarded \$400,000 with total costs of \$2,098,547. In 2007, 5 projects were awarded \$425,000 with total costs of \$2,251,020. (See Figure 3)

### Local Trail Connections Program

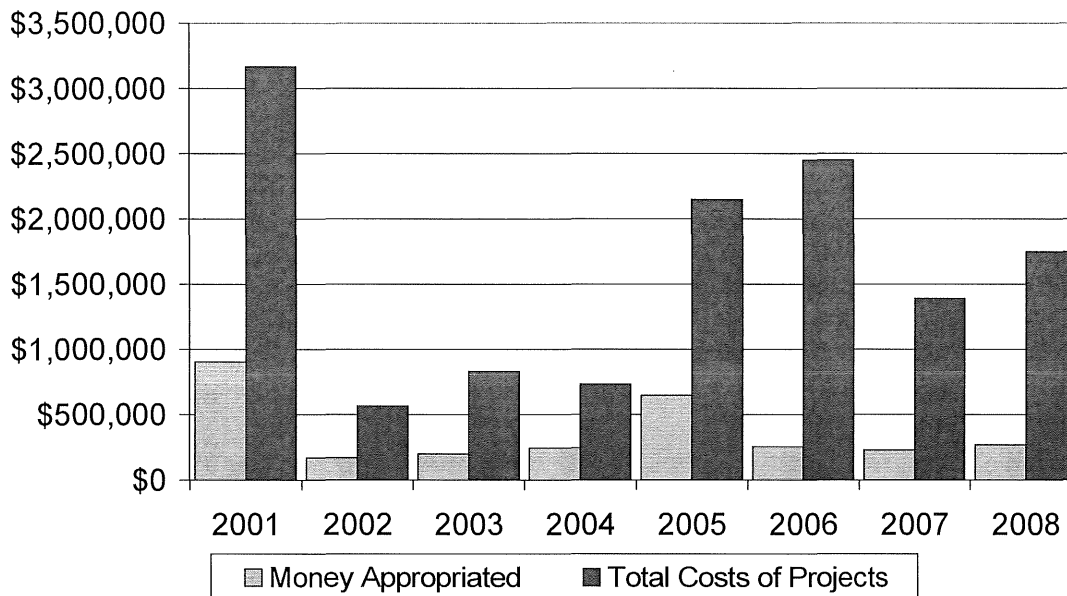


**Figure 3** – This chart shows the difference between the money appropriated and the total cost of projects that were selected for funding, to show investment in Local Trail Connections since 2001.

## 2) Regional Trail Program Grants:

For 2000, there were five projects selected worth about \$3.8 million. Five projects were again selected in 2001, and were worth about \$3.2 million. In 2002, two projects were funded with costs exceeding \$560,000. One project with a total project cost of about \$833,000 was selected in 2003. The costs for one project selected in 2004 exceeded \$733,292. For 2005, there were 8 projects selected worth about \$2.1 Million. In 2006, 2 projects were awarded \$255,000 with total costs of \$2,452,776. In 2007, 2 projects were awarded \$230,000 with total costs of \$1,389,714. (See Figure 4)

### Regional Trail Program



**Figure 4** – This chart shows the difference between money appropriated and the total cost of projects that were selected for funding, to show investment in the Regional Trail Program since 2001.

**B. Time:**

It is anticipated that all of the grant projects funded with the 2001 and 2005 appropriation will be completed by June 30, 2011.

**C. Budget:**

None of the state grants program funds are used for department personnel or support costs, although up to \$20,000 of the 1997 Regional Trail Grant appropriation was authorized to be used for program administration costs.

**See detailed program descriptions and appendices describing each of the individual grant projects for more information on how the funds will be spent.**

**D. Cooperation:**

Since these are competitive grant programs, the specific local units of government are not known until applications are received. The Local Trail Connections and Regional Trail Grant programs involve partnerships among local units of government and private organizations. Other DNR regional and division staff will be involved in project solicitation, evaluation and ranking.

**VII. LOCATION:**

Statewide grants; projects will be located within several of the ecological classification locations.

**VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Work program reports will be submitted whenever a new grant approval is required. These work program report updates will also note when an appropriation for a specific grant program has been liquidated and all associated work has been completed. We anticipate reporting at various times when Commission review and approval is required, as well as a final report in June 2011.**